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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549								OMB Number:	3235-0287		
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(Print or Type]	Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> CROCKER DOUGLAS II			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol				>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
	VENTAS INC [VTR]					(Check all applicable)					
(Last)	(First) (N	(liddle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction					(0			
71 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, SUITE 3400			(Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2008					_X_ Director10% Owner Officer (give titleOther (specify below)below)			
				Amendment, Date Original (Month/Day/Year)				 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person 			
CHICAGO,	, IL 60606							Form filed by Mo Person	ore than One Re	porting	
(City)	(State) ((Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative S	ecurit	ties Acqu	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if			3.4. Securities Acquired (ATransactionor Disposed of (D)Code(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)(Instr. 8)				 A) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported 	Ownership Form: Direct (D)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code V		(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	01/01/2008			А	359.116 (1)	А	\$ 45.25	56,683.308	D		
Common Stock	01/01/2008			А	1,337 <u>(2)</u>	А	\$0	58,111.734 (<u>3)</u>	D		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number onof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 45.25	01/01/2008		А	5,000 (4)	01/01/2008 <u>(5)</u>	01/01/2018	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
CROCKER DOUGLAS II 71 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, SUITE 3400 CHICAGO, IL 60606	Х					
Signatures						
Douglas Crocker II, By: T. Richard Riney, Attorney-In-Fact	01/03/2008			8		
**Signature of Reporting Person			Date			

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Common Stock in the form of Units granted under the Non-Employee Director Deferred Stock Compensation Plan (the "Plan") in lieu of
 Director fees pursuant to the Director's deferral election. Such Units are payable solely in Common Stock and subject to the terms and conditions of the Director's deferral election and the Plan.
- Restricted Stock Units granted pursuant to the 2006 Stock Plan for Directors (the "Stock Plan"). Such Units are payable solely in(2) Common Stock and subject to the terms and conditions of the Director's deferral election and the Stock Plan. These Restricted Stock Units vest in two equal annual installments beginning January 1, 2009.
- (3) Includes 91.426 Units acquired on December 28, 2007 under the Plan as a result of dividend equivalents credited with respect to the dividend paid on Issuer's Common Stock on December 28, 2007.
- (4) Stock Options granted pursuant to the Stock Plan.
- (5) These options vest in two equal annual installments beginning January 1, 2008.

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